



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution # 05-0914-459

Interim Emergency Disaster Relief Act of 2005

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified a gap in the provision of services to persons affected by disasters, especially where federal, state and local programs are unable to meet the immediate needs of those persons, including basic food, clothing, shelter, and health care needs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that as a result of long term federal policies, and personal economic needs of individuals, that members live throughout the United States, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has identified that members, regardless of where they reside, in times of disaster, should be able to rely upon their government, the Little River Band of Ottawa, as they have historically relied upon each other, to provide assistance in times of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, because the Tribal Council is aware of the immediate needs of members in the area devastated by Hurricane Katrina, and knowing that these immediate needs may not be adequately met by federal, state, local and non-profit organizations, the Tribal Council has identified that sufficient funds exist to address these immediate needs and has determined to create an interim program until such time as a permanent program can be developed;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby creates the *Interim Emergency Disaster Relief Act of 2005* which is created for the benefit of members in the area affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina and directs the following relief be made available to those members.

1. *Relief Funds*. The following level of relief funds shall be made available to members in the area affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina on a one time basis only.

a. *Families*. For each family in which a Tribal member is present, the sum of \$5000.00 shall be available.

b. *Single Members*. For each single adult member, identified as an individual with no dependents or not part of a family, the sum of \$2500.00 shall be available.

2. *Accessibility*. A member who contacts, by phone, the Members Assistance Program and gives the information identified in this section, shall be determined to have filed an application for Relief Funds.

a. Name of applicant

b. Whether applying for Family or Single Member assistance, and name of all members of the family under a family application.

c. Social Security Number of the adult head of household in whose name the Relief Funds will be sent.

d. Address of the location to which the Relief Funds can be sent.

3. *For of Funds*. The Members Assistance Program is directed to forward funds in a speedy and timely manner, and in a form in which the funds can be made most easily available to the member. Such forms may be a debit card or check sent overnight or other next day service, funds transfer, or other method.

4. *Reporting*. The Members Assistance Program is directed to report to the Tribal Council regarding the activities of this interim program and recommendations for development of a permanent program within 30 days of adoption, and a final report and recommendations within 90 days of adoption.

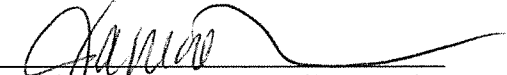
5. *Conclusion of Program*. This program shall be concluded on December 31, 2005.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT it is the intention of the Tribal Council that this program provide direct funding to members without delay. The Members Assistance Program is encourage to take all efforts to contact persons living in the area devastated by Hurricane Katrina in order to determine whether Relief Funds are needed.

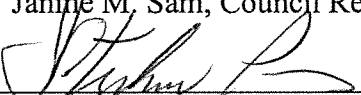
IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Accounting Department is directed to report to the Tribal Council, within 90 days, regarding how these funds are reported to federal, and if applicable, state, taxing agencies, whether the funds are taxable, if taxable the amount of potential tax, and a draft notice to be authorized by the Tribal Council to be sent to those members regarding the funds and their status as taxable income.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 0 ABSENT, and 1 VACANT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on September 14, 2005, at the Little River Band's Dome Room in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Janine M. Sam, Council Recorder



Stephen Parsons, Council Speaker

Attest:

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